

Griff Plans to Insure Players Against Accident---Sandlot Game in Danger

MANAGER GRIFFITH WILL INSURE LADS AGAINST ACCIDENT

Plans to Take Precautions in Case Elevators or Trains Bring Injuries.

GANDIL IS IN NEW ORLEANS

Takes Advice of Old Fox and Remains Until Cleveland Makes Some Move.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Manager Griffith will insure all his star ball players against accidents received during the playing season. The total of damages that might be received if the team were to figure in a wreck, such as occurred in Connecticut Tuesday, will total well up around \$150,000. "Ball players are proverbially lucky," said Griffith today, "but you never can tell when the elevator will drop or some other train will come shooting into yours. Our cars are usually on the rear, too, come to think of it, and that isn't pleasant to think about."

President Schuyler Britton has taken out accident insurance policies on his St. Louis Cardinals totaling \$100,000. The idea is likely to spread through all the clubs in the big leagues.

Acting on advice from Manager Griffith, Chick Gandil has remained in New Orleans. Mrs. Gandil and their five-year-old daughter arrived here yesterday for a short stay. If any deal is made with Cleveland for Gandil, he will be right at the training camp, for the Indians have already started to work in New Orleans.

Though it is reported in Cleveland that Gandil has already been bought, Manager Griffith insists that no offer has been made for the big first baseman.

The nearness of the baseball season is shown by announcements that John Henry and Doc Ayers will arrive here in a few days. Ayers will go to Charlottesville next Wednesday, but Henry is not expected to go down until March 5.

Tomorrow morning Mike Martin, trainer, and Ray Morgan, second baseman, will depart from the Union Station for Charlottesville. Morgan's steady work in a Baltimore gym has fitted him for the harder tasks of camp, and he informed Manager Griffith yesterday during a short visit here that he would be in perfect condition by the time the season opened.

"Runt" Walsh, former utility man with the Phillies, late third baseman for the Baltimore Orioles, by whom he was sold last summer to the St. Louis Cardinals, has been released by the Cardinals to Memphis in the Southern Association. Walsh's wartime contract has another year to run before he will have to play ball for whatever he can get.

While with Baltimore, Walsh made quite a reputation with the stick, though his fielding was a trifle crude. It was his fielding, however, which caused Manager Knabe to sell him. Almost as soon as sold to St. Louis, Walsh was injured, and played few games for Jones.

Jack Dunn goes right along picking youngsters for his Baltimore club. The latest is Thomas F. Sloan, twenty years old, standing six feet one inch, who was with Lonaconing club in the Cumberland and Georges Creek League, last year.

Carrying out his promise to assist the Cleveland Indians as much as possible, Charlie Conzakev has turned over Tom Dalt, catcher and utility outfielder, to Manager Fohl. Dalt is the player who hit a home run in the famous game played before the King of England during the round-the-world-tour of the White Sox and Giants.

Obtaining Jack Larn, an experienced man, is assistant to Ray Schall, Clarence Rowland has no use for him, who is a fair backstop and a better than fair hitter.

Sammy Strank, former Giant, has taken charge of the West Point diamond candidates.

"Bud" Weiser, a young outfielder, wants to make good with Pat Moran's champions, for he has already arrived in Philadelphia on his way South. Weiser thinks that he has a chance to break into the regular line-up, if youth and speed will count for anything, as Storace's gardeners break as they run.

Ernie Krueger, the catcher obtained from Omaha last season, has been turned back by the Yankees. He did well behind the plate in the few games he played, but hitting was unknown to him.

Hugh Jennings says that, with Dauss, Dubuc, Coveleskie, James, Low, and Boland in shape, the Yankees will make another thrilling battle for the pennant and with greater chances for the event of winning. Jennings is Jennings' statement, too, when you think of that alarming attack owned by the Tigers.

Harry Hempstead, the Giants' mogul, is inclined to deny rumors that Oti Dave Robertson and George Burns have been injured.

"If they had been badly hurt," says Hempstead, "I think they would have written us some word of it. I believe both will be at the training camp."

Cracks to Meet.
Eddie Killen, Washington's crack pocket billiardist, will engage Joseph Bruder, of Baltimore, tonight in a billiard match at the Palace billiard room, 227 Ninth street, tonight. Bruder will give an exhibition of fancy shots following the match.

MINCE PIE

"LITTLE OF EVERYTHING"
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DABO RUDOLPH

"It requires no training to get into the punk of condition."



The New Haven's young life seems to be divided equally between collision and collision.

A champion pugilist risks his title just like a stevedore risks his knife on a piece of pie.

The winner of the Mandot-Dundee fight won the privilege to battle Johnny Kilbane, which ain't a privilege.

About June training camp phenomena will be about as numerous as sailings on the North German Lloyd.

Wrestling is a good game, but there is too much clinching.

We trust that Mr. Frank Baker drops a few over the fence while he is playing third.

If Jeff Weller loses to Frank Moran, his manager can cut him up into a dozen writers and three or four bantams.

Fame is ephemeral. You never read a word of the celebrity who once broke the record for holding tennis balls in one hand.

Atrocities committee will overlook Marathons until they entice a poor innocent Belgian into one.

Following the general uplift in sport, wrestling is becoming more esthetic each day. Doesn't "strangler" Lewis suggest illness and gates ajar?

Lee Fohl will again share the management of the Cleveland team with the Cleveland team.

Facts Not Worth Knowing.
Owing to the number of players who don't make good at training camps, there will be a new system of scoring inaugurated. They will cut out the earned runs and substitute the unearned meals.

John Philip Sousa, the famous trap shooter, is also a musician.

Manager Griffith's fat boys will train on a mile track. Can you lamp the vet lolling along for the early part of the ankle jog and sprinting the last eleven inches?

George the third put us down our tea, but Americans have only themselves to blame for revolving doors.

With all the golf, baseball and tennis bugs working their vocal fondness overtime, it is hard to figure which is the wrong side of the Atlantic.

Between indoor tennis and outdoor golf the life of Skeets Watson is as dull and monotonous as a pom-eranian equipped with two crews of fleas.

When a busher comes north to earn the big league bivouac, then is when the fans send their thumbs South.

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And Then Hans Wagner Made Reply. "Thank You"

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25.—Hans Wagner's forty-second birthday was observed here last night by the Pittsburgh Steve League in a banquet at the Colonial Hotel. Seated at the table with the great shortstop were President Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh club; Tommy Leach, Deacon Phillippe, Claude Ritchey, and Harry Smith, all old-timers, and several of the present day Pirate team.

At Mansus' request the company with several of his vocal selections, and the main address of the evening was given by Senator Thompson, former captain and coach of the University of Pittsburgh football team.

Wagner made the answering speech to Senator Thompson in his usual modest style by saying "Thank you."

Empires to Play.

The Empire A. C. basketball quint will meet the Gibraltar A. C. at the Noel House gymnasium tomorrow night, and an interesting game is expected.

Manager Heloe requests the following Empire players to meet at his house at 7 o'clock: Smith, Brady, Brinkley, Myers, Dodge, Keene, Feasenden, and Sawyer.

Perdue Is Dropped.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Pitcher Hubbard Perdue and Arnold Hauser, shortstop, have been unconditionally released by Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals. Catcher Jack Roche has been released to Little Rock, and infielder James Walsh to Memphis.

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Giants Get Away For Marlin, Tex.

Christy Mathewson, Veteran Hurler, in Charge of First Squad to Leave.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Christy Mathewson, the Giants' famous veteran pitcher, was in charge of the first squad of the athletes to leave for Marlin, Tex., today. In the party were Catchers Lew Wendell, Bradley Kocher, Joseph H. Kenny and G. E. Sandberg; Infielders Herbert Hunter, William Martin and it. E. Elsh, and Outfielders Ed Harrison, John Habbington, Ed Roush and Merwin Jacobson.

Charley Dood joined the squad at Philadelphia, and Bill Ritter and Infielder Joe Shepper climbed aboard the special at Pittsburgh.

At St. Louis the party will be reinforced by Walter Schupp, Al Schauer, Walter Rostker, Taylor Farrell and W. A. Cole, who was the best amateur pitcher in the league last year. Jim Thorpe and several other "rookies" will be on hand in Marlin Monday morning, when Matty expects to have the squad out for its first practice.

Manager McGraw will arrive in camp next Thursday. He is now en route from Cuba with Joe Rodriguez, the classic first baseman in Cuba, and Emilio Palmero, who is starting with the Giants for the third time.

Palmero was the leading pitcher in Cuba during the past season. He has taken on a lot of weight, and, above all, has mastered enough English to be able to understand coaching instructions.

Haughton Change Noted by Solons

Harvard Man Would Have Rules Changed to Allow Blocked Pass to Make Free Ball.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Changes advocated by Percy Haughton, of Harvard, and Arthur Poe, of Princeton, in the football code, while not taken seriously, may come up for discussion at tonight's meeting of the prominent football rules committees. Haughton would have a blocked forward pass behind the scrimmage line count as any blocked kick. Poe would have protection for the attacking side which loses the ball on a fumble.

Haughton's suggestion probably will meet with favor, as it is pointed out that a blocked forward pass behind the line of scrimmage would put the attacking side at a disadvantage of having an extra man to protect the passer.

Poe's suggestion is too radical, it is thought. The Princeton man, coming from a family which, singularly enough, made fame out of recovering fumbles, would have the fumble treated as a penalty to heavy in losing the ball. Other suggestions are that the ball must be touched behind the line of scrimmage for a touchdown to count, and that the goal from touchdown should be abolished.

According to keen judges of play, a hard and fast measure should be adopted to prohibit violent body blocking by players on defense, who ignore the flight of the ball on a forward pass and deliberately put the player, who tries to recover the ball, out of commission. A by-law penalty for this offense is considered by many to be insufficient.

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MOVE PLANNED TO PREVENT BIG BOUT

State Senator Dunnigan Wants to See Lease of Madison Square Garden.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—In an attempt to prevent the Willard-Moran heavyweight championship fight scheduled at Madison Square Garden March 25, State Senator Dunnigan, of the Bronx, on Monday night will introduce a resolution directing the boxing commission to place before the Senate the lease of the Garden given "Tex" Rickard and the other promoters.

Senator Dunnigan recently introduced a bill prohibiting fights in a building used for any other purpose than boxing, the promoters, before being given a license, must have a lease for a period of at least one year on the premises.

Kennel Club Will Hold Its Meeting

Washington Organization Completes Plans for Big Bench Show in April.

Complete details have been concluded for the big bench show of the Washington Kennel club, to be staged in April at the Washington Riding and Hunt club, and the show committee will make a report of its work to the members of the organization at a meeting in the red room of the New Ebbitt tonight.

Mrs. James Carroll Fraser, at the head of the Emergency Hospital committee, has finished all plans for the sale of tickets and the board of lady managers of the hospital have offered a handsome cup to go as a special prize to the best dog shown by a Washington woman.

Judging by the mass of mail being received daily by Secretary Charles A. Watson, there will be more entries for this show than ever before. Inquiries have come from Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, Hartford, Conn., Detroit, Long Branch, Belmar, N. J., Kirkwood, Ga.; Boston and Pittsburgh.

The premium lists have gone to the printer, and, with the entry blanks, should be ready for distribution by March 6. Many cash prizes will be offered, and about fifty more prizes than last year will be in the list.

The monthly show of the Washington Kennel club will probably be held at the New Ebbitt March 6. It will be for beagles and cocker spaniels. Master of Hounds Stewart, of Piedmont, Va., will act as judge of the beagles.

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Association Names Toledo for Place

Minor League Magnates Adopt Schedule Starting April 18 for This Year.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Club owners of the American Association, in session here last night, adopted a playing schedule of 108 games for the coming season, naming April 18 as the opening date. Toledo, Ohio, was listed as one of the league cities, but no announcement of details for the reoccupation of that place was named.

After adjournment President Thomas M. Chivinton and the club owners left for Cleveland, where a meeting is scheduled for today with the bankers in charge of the baseball affairs of C. W. Somers. At this conference definite plans for the future of the Cleveland Association team are expected to be mapped out. It is the desire of the club owners that the team be transferred to Toledo. Roger Bresnahan is the association's first choice for leadership in the proposed return to Toledo. Positive denial was made that Harry Sinclair, of Oklahoma, would become the Toledo magnate.

O. H. Wathen, of Louisville, chairman of the schedule committee, submitted dates which in the main were acceptable.

Opening dates of the 1916 schedule are: April 18, in East—Kansas City at Columbus; Milwaukee at Toledo; Minneapolis at Louisville, and St. Paul at Indianapolis.

May 1, in West—Columbus, at Milwaukee; Toledo, at Kansas City; St. Paul, at Minneapolis; and Louisville, at Indianapolis.

Club owners in attendance at the meeting were O. H. Wathen, Louisville; James McGill, Indianapolis; M. E. Cantillon, Minneapolis; J. W. Norton, St. Paul; George Toback, Kansas City; A. W. Timine, Milwaukee; and E. M. Schoenborn, Columbus. No deals involving players were announced.

Howard Drew to Run In Games Here Tonight

Howard Drew, the fastest short distance sprinter in the country today, will perform tonight at Convention Hall at the indoor athletic games under the auspices of the colored high schools and Howard University.

Roy F. Morse, of the Salem A. C., will oppose Drew in the dashes, as will Herman Foster. There will be thirty-three events on the program. More than 200 entries have been received for the games.

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Amateur Baseball May Be Killed By Ruling

If Government Employees Have Hour Added to Tasks Sandlot Game May Pass Away—It Would Almost Be Impossible to Play Legal Contest.

Amateur baseball players and supporters of the sandlot game are greatly exercised over the prospect of having another hour added to the day's tasks of Government employees, for this will have a most deleterious effect upon amateur baseball in the District. Indeed, it is thought that amateur baseball, as it has been conducted for several years past, will be killed.

"If the young men in the department have to remain at work until 5 o'clock every day, it will be practically impossible for them to play ball afterward," says Charles M. King, treasurer of the Amateur Baseball Association.

"Getting away from their desks at 4:30, it is possible for them to start their games about 5:45 o'clock. This permits them to play an average of six innings, a game. Very rarely does a game go the complete distance of nine innings.

"If they have to remain until 5 o'clock, as has been suggested, it will hardly be possible for them to start a game until 5:45. Only in the very middle of the summer will they then be able to play much more than three innings. Of course, this isn't enough."

"Ordering Government employees to work till 5 o'clock," said Robert N. Young, chairman of the Amateur Commission today, "will certainly have its effect upon baseball in the department. Effect upon baseball in the department, and Departmental, will suffer seriously, not without effect upon the amateur game. There are more leagues in the league cities, but no announcement of details for the reoccupation of that place was named.

About five hundred players are associated with the different amateur leagues of the District. More than a dozen organizations take part in the annual scramble for the honor of the District sandlot title.

That amateur baseball is popular here is shown by the large crowds attending the games in the late season. It is not at all infrequent to have 2,000 fans packed up close to the base paths when equally matched clubs are battling for the title in their leagues.